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INSTRUCTIONAL MODULE ON MULTIPLE COMPARISON TECHNIQUES IN RESEARCH

I. A Guide for Selecting the "Method of Choice"



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I. A Guide for Selecting The "Method of Choice" a

This module has two major components, the first deals with the particular advantages and disadvantages of each, the second presents computational interrelationships of the various procedures.

The need for a researcher's guide to the use of multiple comparison (MC) techniques is illustrated by recent studies by Tringo (1970) and Wilson (1971). Although these are not poor studies, they illustrate the two extremes in their selection and use of a MC technique. Tringo (1970) used multiple t-tests to make comparisons among seven groups; the multiple t-tests produced has an inordinately high risk of falsely rejecting a true null hypothesis. Wilson (1971) employed the Scheffe test to detect significant differences among three means; this method is the most conservative and least powerful of all MC methods for contrasting pairs of means.

When there are more than two treatment or comparison groups being studied, the analysis of variance (4NOVA) or covariance (ANCOVA) will determine whether



^aAdapted from a forthcoming article in the Journal of Special Education.

or not the differences among means are greater than expected from chance alone.

ANOVA or ANCOVA does not, however, proceed to the next logical step of identifying which differences among the means are significant; this is the task of multiple comparison techniques.

Multiple comparison techniques are a relatively recent development in the area of statistical analysis which have direct applicability in behavioral research. Dissemination via applied statistics textbooks has reflected the expected theory-to-practice lag and, in the main, the information exchange has been based more in inertia and precedent than actual research utility.

The lack of systematic textbook coverage of MC methods is illustrated in Figure 1 which given the methods covered by popular applied statistics or experimental design textbooks. Notice that the Scheffe method is the MC technique most commonly treated, yet it is the least powerful MC procedure for responding to typical research questions.

Multiple comparisons are a not-closely-related family of techniques except that they serve a common purpose. This diversity no doubt has contributed to the uneven textbook coverage. Whereas there is a major pathway that leads the learner through the analysis of variance, when he encounters the domain of multiple comparisons, the pathway branches into a network of numerous unmarked routes. Each MC method has unique advantages and disadvantages. Ideally, the researcher should be familiar with the major alternatives so that the method can be selected that yields maximum power for the questions, i.e., so that "the method of choice" will be chosen. In addition, this information is useful in interpreting published research.

All too frequently, the MC technique employed in a study is one with which the researcher is familiar because it "happened" to be treated in the researcher's favorite reference. As a consequence, inappropriate, weak, or at least



Table 1

Coverage^a of Multiple-Comparison Techniques in Selected Textbooks on Statistics and Experimental Design

			•	Technique ^C	ne _c		•		,
Textbook Author(s)	Duncan	Dunn	Dunnett	Marascuilo	Multiple <u>t(LSD)</u>	Newman- Keuls	Planned Orthogonal Comparisons	Scheffe	Tukey
Bailey (1971)							×	×	
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^aMere mention of a technique in a textbook was not considered coverage.

^bComplete specification of each textbook is included in the references at the end of this paper.

^CAn X indicates coverage of a technique in a specified textbook.



reached in a given study can vary markedly depending on the MC technique

employed. In the derivations of the MC methods, different assumptions and

restrictions are imposed. As a general rule, the more limitations the researcher

can live with, the more powerful will be the statistical tests for the hypothes is

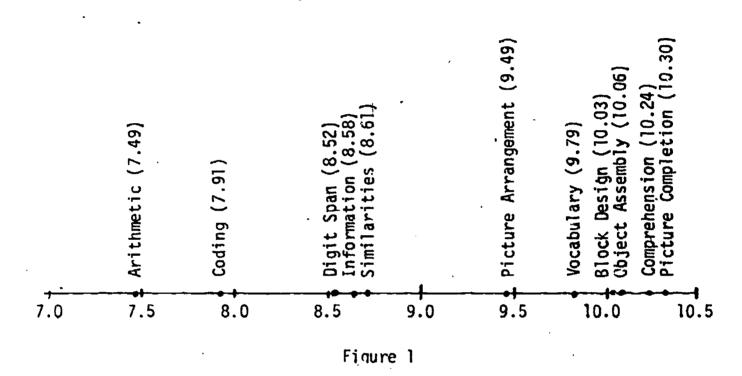
of interest if the proper MC alternative is chosen.

The differences among the various multiple comparison techniques will be illustrated from an actual study (Hopkins, 1964) that examined the pattern of performance of 33 diagnosed neurologically handicapped children (ages 6-12) on eleven subtests of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC). The results of the Subtests-by-Subjects analysis of variance revealed a highly significant difference among subtest means (F = 32.92/6.99 = 4.71, p < .001). The subtest-means are graphically presented in Figure 2.

To illustrate the great variation in conclusions as a consequence of the MC techniques employed, all possible differences in pairs of means were tested for significance using the various MC alternatives: multiple t-test, Duncan's New Multiple Range Test, Newman-Keuls test, Tukey test, Dunn test, Marascuilo test, and Scheffe test. Of the possible 55 comparisons of pairs of means, the number of significant mean differences at the .05 and .01 levels for each method differs greatly as is shown in Table 1. For example, with α = .05, the number of null hypotheses rejected varied from 1 using the Scheffe to 24 for the Duncan and multiple t-tests; with α = .01, the number of significant differences in means varied from 0 to 15. How can such inconsistency in conclusions result from the use of alternative MC approaches?

 α -Considerations. Even though each method has the same nominal α -value, not all are appropriate in this situation. Although commonly used, the multiple-tapproach is never the method of choice and cannot be recommended. Multiple





WISC Subtest Means of 33 Neurolagically Handicapped Children.

t-tests (also known as the "least significant difference" or 1sd procedure) introduces an inextricable pattern of dependency, and yields inaccurate probability statements regarding the null hypotheses. The inaccuracy is magnified in direct proportion to the number of means in the set being examined. In the present example with 11 means, 55 different t-tests would be required to test all combinations of pairs. Even if all pair-wise null hypotheses were true, more likely than not, the lowest vs. the highest mean from the 11 subtests would yield a t-ratio that would be ruled "significant" at the .05 level.

The Duncan method has the peculiar property of using a fluctuating α -rate depending on the number of means in the set being examined. The true probability of a type-I error (rejecting a true null hypothesis) is always larger than the tabled α -value except when there are only two means in the set being tested. For this reason the authors view the Duncan procedure as never the method of choice, in spite of its popularity. For example, if the Duncan method was used to test $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_{11}$ (the smallest and largest means in our sample), the critical value for the $\alpha = .05$ value in Duncan's table, will be exceeded 40% of the time even when the null hypothesis is true (almost as often as with the multiple t approach). In other words the true probability of a type-I error (incorrectly rejecting a true null hypothesis) is not what most users naturally assume, e.g., .05, but much larger -- .40 in our example.

The remaining techniques given in Table 1 have accurate α -values, but α in relation to what? In the Newman-Keuls method, α is .05 for each individual null hypothesis (H $_0$) tested, i.e., a contrast based error rate. In the Dunn, Dunnett, Tukey, Marascuilo, and Scheffe methods, α is .05 for the entire set or family of H $_0$'s to be tested in the experiment; i.e., an experiment based error rate.

Table 1

Number of Significant Differences (of the 55 possible) Between Pairs of WISC Subtest Means for Various Multiple Comparison Methods

•	Number of	Ho's Rejected	Percent of	H _o 's Rejected
MC Method	$\theta \alpha = .05$	@ α = .01	$\theta \alpha = .05$	0 α = .01
Multiple t (LSD) ^a	24	15	44%	27%
Duncan ^a	24	11	44%	20%
Newman-Keuls	11	6	20%	11%
Tukey -	9	4	16%	· 7%
Dunn	7	4	13%	7%
Marascuilo	3	1	· 5%	2%
Scheffe .	. 1	0	2%	0%

 $^{^{\}rm a} For$ these methods the actual probability of a type-I error is considerably greater than the tabled, nominal $\alpha\text{-value}.$

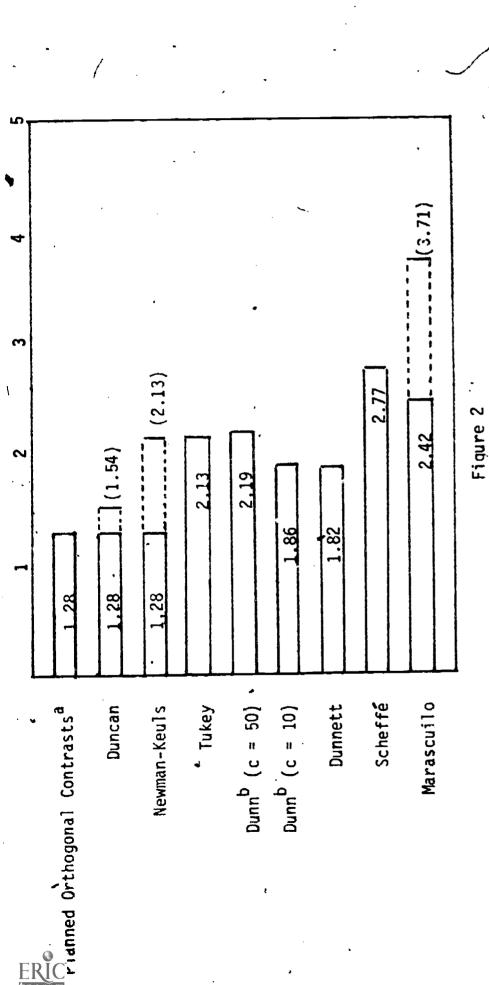


The Newman-Keuls method will tend to reject more pair-wise H₀'s than the other accurate (with respect to type-1 error probabilities) methods because of its differently based error rate. It should be noted however, that the critical value for Tukey and Newman-Keuls methods will always be equal when testing the extreme-most means, i.e., when H₀: \(\mu_{smallest} = \mu_{largest} \) is being tested; hence they will always lead to the same conclusion for this H₀. Thus, although the Newman-Keuls procedure has a contrast based error rate, in this limited sense the Newman-Keuls method has an experiment based error rate, i.e., it, and the . Tukey method, will be expected to make a type-I error when testing the extreme-most means in 5% of the experiments in which all pair-wise H₀'s are true. However, in these %5 of the experiments, when going on to test other pairs of means the Newman-Keuls method will tend to make more type-I errors than will the Tukey procedure.

Of the common procedures, the Scheffe method is the least powerful for detecting differences between pairs of means. It is best, however, for data snooping and testing complex hypotheses (hypotheses involving more than two means). The Marascuilo (1966) method is a rather recently devised MC procedure appropriate for studies employing large samples. Unlike the others it does not assume nomogeneity of variance, but does require large samples. It is more useful for making multiple comparisons among correlation coefficients and proportions.

The relative power and sensitivity of the various MC alternatives are also illustrated in Figure 3. In this figure, the magnitudes of minimum differences between the WISC subtest means required for significance for the various MC methods are graphically depicted. Equivalently, the relative magnitudes for the associated confidence intervals are illustrated in Figure 3 (except for the Duncan and Newman-Keuls methods which do not lend themselves to interval





Difference in WISC Subtest Means Required for Significance in Selected Multiple-Comparison Techniques ^C

^aPlanned orthogonal contrasts have the same value as multiple \underline{t} tests(LSD), but without the inflated α -values. In this example there are 55 for 10 planned comparisons was also included to allow comparison of the sensitivity of the Dunn with the possible comparisons between pairs of means, hence the nearest tabled value, c = 50, was selected. ^bThe Dunn procedure requires that the number of contrasts be set a priori.

^CThe values given are the magnitudes of $M_i - M_j$ needed to reject pairwise H_0 's for various

Dunnett method which allows 16 contrasts in the illustrated situation.

MC methods using Hopkins (1964) data (MS = 6.99, J = 11, df = 320, and a = .05).

For those methods not requiring a constant difference for all pairs of means (Duncan, Newman Keuls, and Marascuilo), the greatest(represented by dotted lines and values in parentheses) and least differences are indicated. estimation). For those methods which do not have a single critical value required for all mean differences, the greatest and least values are given. For example, for the largest difference between pairs of means, (i.e., the difference between the Arithmetic and Picture Completion means as illustrated in Figure 2) a value of 2.13 is required to reject the null hypothesis for both the Tukey and Newman-Keuls methods, yet the latter requires a mean difference of only 1.28 for adjacently ordered means.

Clearly such disparity in results is undesirable, but how does one go about selecting the optimum procedure for a given research study? Figure 4, which is a revision of an early schema (Hopkins and Chadbourn, 1967), gives a flow chart to illustrate the critical decisions leading to the method of choice in a given research situation.

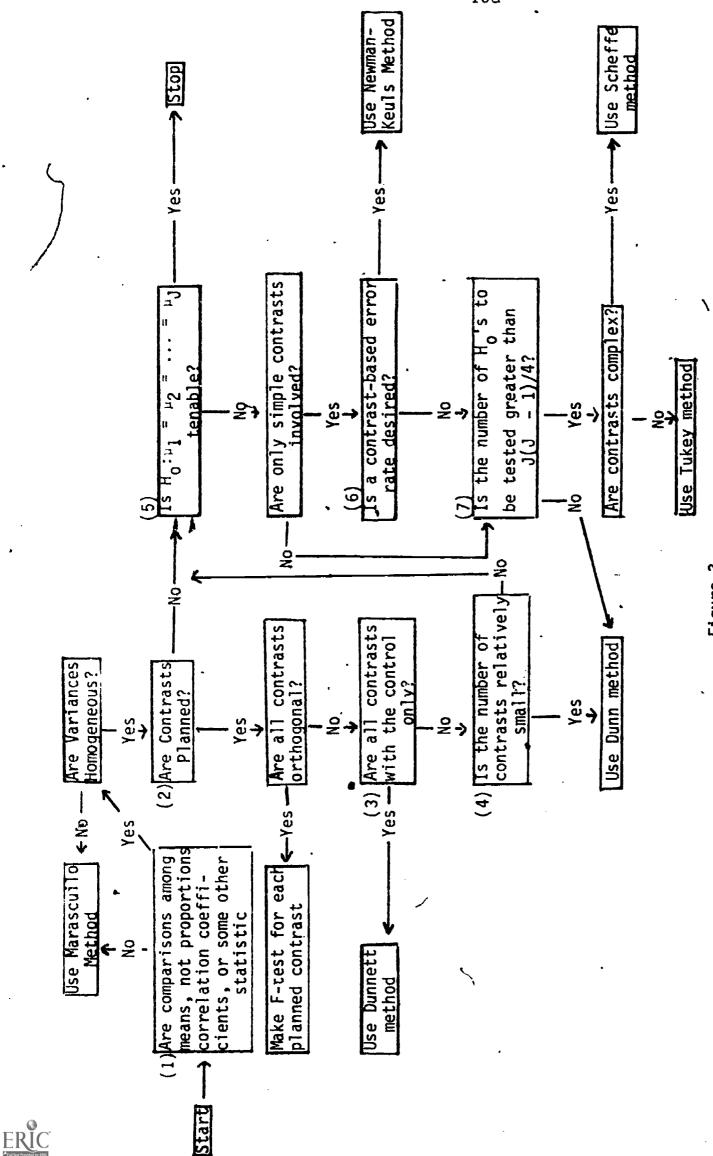
Criteria for Selecting a Multiple Comparison Method.

Since the treatment of multiple comparisons is scattered among many sources, the flow chart given in Figure 4 is provided to assist the researcher in the selection of an appropriate method for use in examining differences between means when more than two groups are involved. In words, the schema illustrates the following decisions.

1. All methods except Marascuilo's assume homogeneity of variances; this assuption should be tested, since unlike ANOVA these procedures do not appear to be robust to non-homogeneity of variances (Petrinovich and Hardyck, 1969), especially with unequal sample sizes.



The large sample method described by Marascuilo (1966) is needed when making multiple comparisons among correlation coefficients, proportions and contingency tables, and is recommended for contrasting means only when variances are not homogeneous.



A Schema to Guide for the Selection of Multiple Comparison Techniques.

- 2. Make planned orthogonal contrasts if they will answer the relevant hypotheses (usually this will not be the case). Each comparison would have the contrast as the base for α (see 3 below). The setting of α should not be arbitrary, but influenced by power considerations (Hopkins, 1972).
- 3. If all comparisons of interest pit the control group against each of the other J-1 groups, use the Dunnett procedure. Using the Dunnett technique, the probability of a type-I error is α for the set of J 1 tests, i.e., an experiment-based α -value.
- 4. If the number of comparisons is relatively few, (e.g., 2(J-2) or less), use the Dunn test. The Dunn test is appropriate for simple (involving only two means, i.e., a pair of means) and complex (involving more than two means), and has an experiment-based α -value.
- 5. Compare F-ratio differences among the means (obtained in the ANOVA or ANCOVA) with critical value required for significance. If H_O cannot be rejected, one probably should not look further for mean differences, although this is a logical rather than a purely statistical consideration. If the omnibus F is not significant, it is tantamont to concluding all differences among all means is attributable to random sampling error.
- 6. Select the base of α (contrast or experiment). The Tukey, Scheffe, Dunn, Dunnett, and Marascuilo MC tests use the experiment as base, hence a type-I error will be made in only 5% of the experiments (if α = .05). The Newman-Keuls method employs the comparison as the unit, therefore, a type-I error can be expected for 5% of the contrasts. This is equivalent to saying more type-I errors for differences between pairs of means will be made with the Newman-Keuls procedure, but fewer type-II errors than with the experiment-based methods. Hence, if only pair-wise comparisons are



involved and the contrast is the base for α , use the Newman-Keuls method. ² (For unequal sample sizes for the Newman-Keuls or Tukey methods see Steel and Torrie, 1960, p. 114 or Fryer, 1966, p. 274).

- 7. If the number of hypotheses to be tested is less than J(J-1)/4, the Dunn (1961) method will usually be more powerful than either the Tukey or the Scheffe method. (Tables 4-6 in Dunn's (1961) article provide precise figures for various J, α , and df_e combinations for which the Dunn methods would be more powerful). The special tables of critical values for the Dunn test are available in Dunn (1961), Miller (1966), Kirk (1968), and Myers (1972). If all J(J-1)/2 pairwise comparisons are of interest, as is usually the case, the Tukey method should be used since it is more powerful than the Dunn and Scheffe methods under such conditions (Scheffe, 1959, p. 76).
- 8. If comparisons between complex combinations of means are desired, the Scheffe method has more power than the Tukey.

The most rigorous and comprehensive treatment of the statistical properties underlying multiple comparison procedures is found in Miller (1966). The reader will find quite complete treatments in Kirk (1968), and Winer (1971). Articles by Duncan (1965) and Sparks (1963) provide useful computational comparisons. If one is doing multiple comparisons following an ANCOVA it is important to remember that adjustments must be made in the mean square error term (e.g., see Winer, 1971, p. 772).

The purpose of this article was to illustrate the importance of selecting the appropriate statistical model that best fits the experimental methods and hypotheses of interest. The schema provided was designed to encourage the reader

²Duncan's New Multiple Range Test is not included here since the experimenter-selected α-value is correct only for adjacently-ordered means; the actual α-value always exceeds the selected value in all other contrasts (cf. Edwards, 1968, p. 134-135). In addition, mathematical statisticians are not in agreement regarding the validity of certain assumptions employed in its derivation (Scheffe, 1959, p. 78; Duncan, 1965, p. 178).



to consider critical factors that will determine the selection of the optimum multiple comparison method for the hypotheses of interest in a given study.



Instructional Exercises

Which	multiple	comparison	technique	15	preferable:	

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II. Multiple Comparisons -- Computation

Multiple comparisons are a loosely-related family of techniques for identifying significant differences among a set of three or more means. There are eight principal methods but only three different computational procedures; three employ the t-tests (multiple t, Dunn (or Bonferroni), and Dunnett); three use the studentized range statistic, q, (Tukey, Newman-Keuls, and Duncan); and two employ the F-statistic (Scheffe and planned orthogonal contrasts). In the discussion to follow, it is assumed that the usual ANOVA assumptions hold and that all means are based on the same number (n) of observations.

The t-statistics Approaches

The multiple t, Dunn, and Dunnett methods are computationally identical (for a given H_0), except that the critical t-values required to reject H_0 will differ. The amount of difference is highly related to the number of means, J, being compared. (If J=2, all methods give identical results, but, of course, are unnecessary.)

Suppose there are six groups of 11 subjects each that are compared on some measure. The analysis of variance (ANOVA) revealed that $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_6$ is not tenable, and hence rejected. The ANOVA table is given below:

Source of Variation	df	MS	F_
Treatments	5	176	8.0
Error	60	22	

But which H_0 : $\mu_i = \mu_j$ are tenable? To test each H_0 , compute the t-ratio.

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j}{S\bar{x} - \bar{x}_i} = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j}{\sqrt{\frac{2MS_e}{n}}}$$

For simplicity, select \bar{X}_i to be larger than \bar{X}_j . MS_e is the error term from the analysis of variance and n is the number of observations on which each mean is based.

In this example:
$$t = \frac{\overline{x}_i - \overline{x}_j}{\sqrt{2(22)}} = \frac{\overline{x}_i - \overline{x}_j}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{\overline{x}_i - \overline{x}_j}{2}$$

Is the t-value large enough to be significant, i.e., to reject H_0 ? The non-directional H_0 is rejected at the α -level if the observed t-value exceeds the critical t-values shown below.



	For Multiple-t	For Dunn ^a	For Dunnett
General expression:	$1-1/2^{t}f_{e}$	1-c ^t c,f _e	1-1/2 ^t J,f _e
or, in our example with ; = .05:	.975 ^t 60 ^f 2.00	.95 ^t c,60 = ? ,95 ^t 5,60 = 2.60 .95 ^t 15,60 = 3.06	.975 [†] 6,60 = 2.63
Number of Ho's		•	·
to be tested:	$\frac{J(J-1)}{2}$	٠ •	J - 1

*Note Dunn table presupposed that small value is subtracted from larger, hence the tabled .95 values are actually the .975 point in the cumulative distribution.)

Although the three approaches arrive at identical t-values for a given contrast, they will usually differ greatly in the <u>critical t-values needed</u> to reject H_0 . The multiple-t, although widely used will result in many type-I errors (i.e., rejecting true H_0 's) and is never recommended as the method of choice.

The Dunnett is appropriate only when one wishes to compare each of the J-1 groups with one other predesigned groups — usually the control group. In most instances the researcher wishes to compare each mean with every other mean, named the Dunnett rarely addresses many of the investigator's questions.

The Dunn test requires that the researcher have planned in advance which comparisons he is going to make. The number of these planned contrasts, c, affects the critical t-value as would be expected -- the larger the value of c, the larger the critical value of t. In our example, the critical t-values are 2:06 and 3:06 for c=5 and c=15 respectively. If the researcher wishes to test all J(J-1)/2 pairwise comparisons (15 in our example), the Dunn procedure is not as powerful as other alternatives to be considered later.

Studentized Range (q) Methods

The Tukey, Newman-Keuls, and Duncan methods are computationally identical except that the critical q-values for a given H will usually differ. The studentized range statistic, q, is:

$$q = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j}{S_{\bar{X}}} = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j}{\sqrt{\frac{MS_e}{n}}}$$

In the example:



$$q = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j}{\sqrt{\frac{22}{11}}} = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Is the q-value large enough to be significant, i.e., to reject H_Q? The non-directional H_Q: $\mu_i = \mu_j$ is related at the x-levels if the observed q-value exceeds the critical q-values given below.

	For Tukey	For Newman-Keuls	For Duncan
General expression:	1- ^q J,f _e	1-1 ^q r,f _e where r is the number of means in the subset being evaluated	1-"" ^q r,f _e
or, in our example with = .05:	.95 ⁹ 6,60 = 4.16	$.95^{q}6.60 = 4.16$ $.95^{q}5.60 = 3.98$ $.95^{q}4.60 = 3.74$ $.95^{q}3.60 = 3.40$ $.95^{q}2.60 = 2.83$	".95" ^q 6,60 = 3.19 ".95" ^q 5,60 = 3.14 ".95" ^q 4,60 = 3.07 ".95" ^q 3,60 = 2.98 ".95" ^q 2,60 = 2.83

For the Tuke, wethod, the critical value for q is constant for all H 's in the set. For the Newman-Keuls method, the largest $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$ is tested first, hence there are 3 means being considered and the critical q-value is identical with that for the lukey. If that is significant, the researcher proceeds to test the second largest mean difference, in which r=3-1 and the critical q-value is $\frac{1}{1-1}\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{1}$, which is smaller than when r=3. This procedure is continued

until to investigator finds the largest mean differences in the subset being examined to be non-significant at which time he does not continue testing further among the means contained in that particular non-significant subset of means.

The Duncan Multiple Range test is a procedure identical with the Newman-Keuls except that the true α is always greater than the tabled value (except when r=2). This fluctuation in the true α -value is a feature most consider to be undesirable. For this reason, many authorities never consider Duncan to be the "method of choice."

The F-Distribution Methods

The Scheffe and Planned Orthogonal Contrast (POC) methods are computationally identical for a given H_0 , but differ in the critical F-value needed to reject H_0 . Both estimate a contrast, ψ , by the expression:

$$\hat{x} = c_1 \bar{x}_1 + c_2 \bar{x}_2 + \dots + c_J \bar{x}_J$$



The H being tested is determined by the values the researcher selects for the C coefficients. Meaningful contrasts require the C's to sum to zero. For example to test $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$, C_1 and C_2 will be 1 and -1. For all pairwise contrasts, the C-values for the two groups will be 1 and -1. (The values for complex contrasts (comparisons involving three or more groups) are not considered in this section). The sum of squares (SS) and the means square for the contrast (since each contrast has one degree of freedom) is:

$$MS_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{(c_{1}\bar{x}_{1} + c_{2}\bar{x}_{2} + \dots + c_{J}\bar{x}_{J})^{2}}{\frac{c_{1}^{2}}{n_{1}} + \frac{c_{2}^{2}}{n_{2}} + \dots + \frac{c_{J}^{2}}{n_{J}};$$

or for pairwise contrasts with equal n's:

$$MS_{\hat{\psi}} = \frac{(\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j)^2}{\frac{2}{n}}$$

The intent No word to test $H_0: H_0 = H_1$, i.e.,

$$1 - \frac{MS}{MS_e} \text{ or } \frac{(\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j)}{2MS_e} \text{ or } \frac{(\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j)}{2(22)} = \frac{(\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j)^2}{4}$$

(Note: $F = t^2 = 1/2q^2$ for a given comparison)

Is the f-value large enough to be significant, i.e., to reject H ? The non-directional H: $\mu_i = \mu_i$ is rejected at the x-level if the obtained F-ratio exceeds the critical values shown below:

The critical value for the Scheffe test will usually be <u>much</u> larger than the corresponding value for POG. (In this case 11.85 vs. 4.0 or almost 3 times



larger for POC). However, POC can test only J - 1 H₀'s whereas Scheffe can be used for any number of conceivable H₀'s. In addition, like the Dunn test, the POC requires that the H₀'s to be tested must be specified prior to the analysis. The J - 1 comparisons must also be orthogonal (i.e., independent). Contrasts will be orthogonal only when the products of the corresponding C's for the two contrasts ψ_a and ψ_b , sum to zero, i.e., $C_{1a}C_{1b} + C_{2a}C_{2b} + \dots + C_{Ja}C_{Jb} = 0$.

Comparisons Among Methods for our Example

Although the degree of difference between the methods will vary, depending on J and n, the rank order of the magnitude of the differences in means needed to reject H_0 : $\mu_i = \mu_j$ is predictable (except when J=2, when all methods give identical results.) Table 2 gives the magnitude of $\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j$ needed to reject H_0 : $\mu_i = \mu_j$ (in $S_{\bar{X}_i} - \bar{X}_j$ units) for the various r-values and associated number of H_0 s to be tested, c.

Table 2 A Comparison of Mean Differences Needed to Reject H $_{0}$ for Pairwise Contrasts for Various Multiple Comparison Methods (in $s_{\overline{X}}$ _ \overline{x} units) when J = 6 and n = 11

		-	umber eing e			subșet
	<u>c</u>	2	3	4	5	<u>6</u>
Multiple-t	15	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Dunnett	5		2.63		2.63	2.63
Dunn	5	2.66	2.66	2.66	2.66	2.66
Dunn ,	15	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.06
Tukey	15	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.94
Newman-Keuls	15.	2.00	2.40	2.64	2.81	2.94
Duncan	-	2.00	2.11	2.17	2.22	2.26
Scheffe	15	3.44	3.44	3.44	3.44	3.44
POC	5	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

There are other important ways in which these methods differ, one of which is the basis for the $\alpha-error$ rate. Dunn, Dunnett, Tukey and Scheffe use the entire experiment for type I error rate, hence if $\alpha=.05$, on the course the investigator will make a type I error in only 5% of the experiments he conducts. Newman-Keuls and POC use the individual contrast or H 's as the basis for α , hence the inbestigator will make a type I error in 5% of the H 's he tests. Other differences are summarized in Table 3.



More powerful than alternative (Except POC) for complex contrasts. Ideal for data snooping.	ļu	Very little power for testing simple Ho's	All kinds of contrasts, un-equal n's	All possible contrasts (simple and complex) post hoc	LL	Scneffe
Excellent power for few comparisons	٥	Limited number of comparisons only J-1 POC	Greatest power for simple and complex contrast, unequal n's	Planned con- trasts which are orthogonal	LL	Planned Orthogonal Contrasts (POC)
Not recommended because c statistical problems with fluctuating level ge- pending on rank order of means	U	Inflated , levels for non- adjacent com- parisons	Post hoc, ,good power for pairwise contrasts	All possible simple contrasts	- ·	Duncan
Suggested use as best all round test for simple . contrasts. Confidence intervals not appropriate	ن ·	Computational difficulty cannot make complex con- trasts or set confidence intervals	Post hoc power for excellent pairwise contrasts	All possible contrasts	<u></u>	Newman-Keuls
Robust with unequal n's Most useful tecnique with experiment error rate	·	Less powerful than N-K	Post noc computation easy	All possible contrasts	5	Tukey
Use when less than i, of possible pairwise contrasts are to be tested	المنا	Lower power than for other alternatives if many Ho's tested	Can make all possible simple and /complex cc.mparisons planned	Planned com- parisons	·	Dunn or Bonferron
to post-noc testing limited on commanisons.		Can't max- other inter- esting compari-	# # 3	75 - 21' 3-lar	٠	Dannett 4
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Depicting Multiple Comparison Results

There are J(J-1)/2 possible partrwise comparisons. If J is large, for example, 10, then there are 55 hypotheses considered. A parsimonious method of depicting the results is commonly used — the underscoring procedure. The groups are arranged in order of their means, from low to high. Then each non-significant subgroup is underscored — any two means underscored by a common line do not differ significantly. Note the example below:

Group
1 2 3 4 5

Group 5 differs significantly from groups 1 and 2. Group 4 differs significantly from groups 1 and 2. Group 3 does not differ significantly from any group. Group 2 differs significantly from groups 4 and 5. Group 1 differs significantly from groups 4 and 5.

Mastery Test: Multiple-Comparison Contrasts

In a study at Cornell University, objectivity ratings given to 10 publications were compared. The dependent variables, whose means are shown in the table below, represent ratings totaled over 13 well defined aspects of objectivity, 4 raters and 3 news events (topics).

Overall Objectivity of All Publications on All Topics (4. 7.05)

	•		Perio	dical				
<i>a</i>]								#10
Ca Times)	Senior Schol	#4 	No. S. News and World &	Newsweek 6	American Observer 4	144 Republic 8#	%9 Onlect	ο National Review and Sulletin 9 National Review Bulletin

1. According to the results in Table 1, Time (#4) is significantly a. more objective than publications #1s.

b. less objective than publications #'s.

more objective than publication #'s.less objective than publication #'s.

a. planned orthogonal comparisons. b. post-hoc comparisons.

a. Tukey

b. Scheffe

c. Newman-Kewls

Answers: 1(a): 7-10; 1(b): 1,2; 2(a): 10; 2(b): 1-8; 3: b; 4: yes; 5: b



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__ According to the results in Table 1, Our Times is significantly

^{3.} The statistical techniques used to obtain the results shown in the Table were that of

^{4.} Had multiple t-tests been used to compare all the possible pairwise differences, would more "significant" comparisons have resulted"

^{5.} In a given experiment with several groups, which multiple comparison -method will require the largest difference between pairs of means in order to reject the null hypothesis; and hence signify the fewest significant differences?

Multiple Comparisons -- Problem Sets and Notes

Given one fixed ANOVA factor with five treatment levels

	Groups				
	1	2	3	4	· 5
Χ:	47	43	51	54	-65
n:	9	9	9	9	9

An ANOVA Summary table is given below

Source of				
Variation	SS	df	MS	F
Treatments	2520	4	630	6.30
Error	4000	40	100	
$.99^{\rm F}_{4.40} = 3$.83			•

- 1. How many planned orthogonal contrasts (POC) are possible?
- +2. Could you have legitimately inspected the means prior to your selection of the orthogonal contrasts of interest?

Assume the following definition of the five randomlyassigned groups.

_		
1.	Control	

Abbreviation (C)

infrequently tested pupils without

feedback 3. frequently tested pupils with

(I,no)

negative feedback

(F,-)

4. infrequently tested pupils with positive readback

5. frequently tested pupils with

(I,+)

positive feedback

(F:+)

3. Means for the five groups are given below. Suppose you wished to test $H_0: \mu_3 = \mu_5$. Enter the coefficients for this contrast.

Group

C I,no F,- I,+ F,+

1 2 3 4 5

$$\bar{x}_j$$
 47
 48
 51
 54
 65

- 4. Suppose you also had good reason to test $H_0: H_3 = H_4$. Would this be orthogonal with $\hat{\psi}_1$?
 - 5. Why?

SUGGESTION: Use a separate piece of paper to do calculations. Place it over the right-hand side of these sheets, where the answers are given.

answers.

No, a priori rationale would no longer apply.

$$0, 0, 1, 0, -1 \text{ (or } 0, 0, -1, 0, 1) \text{ i.e.,}$$
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = 0$

No

 $zcc \neq 0$; the sum of products of the respective coefficients for the groups must be zero.

- 6. In addition to $\hat{\psi}_1$, indicate coefficients for the contrast for frequently and infrequently tested groups $(\hat{\psi}_2)$.
- 7. What is H for $\hat{\psi}_3$ which has 4,-1,-1,-1, as coefficients?
- 8. Is \cdot_2 orthogonal with $\hat{\psi}_1$?...with $\hat{\psi}_3$?
- 9. Compute MS SS = $\frac{(\Sigma c \overline{X})^2}{\Sigma \frac{c^2}{n}}$ = MS $_{\hat{\psi}_1}$ since each

contrast has df = 1.

- 10. Compute F for the contrast $\hat{\psi}_1$
- 11. For planned orthogonal contrasts (POC) the critical value, $.95^{\rm F}_{1.40}$, in the sample problem is _____
- 12. Is H_0 rejected with $\alpha = .05$.
- 13. Would you recommend the POC as the multiple comparison technique in this example.
- 14. Why?
- 15. a. Using the Scheffe method (S-method), would you use the identical procedure for obtaining SS $\hat{\psi}_1$ as that for POC?
 - b. MS for the contrasts?.
 - c. Obtained F for the contrast?
 - d. The "critical" value for F?

$$H_0: \mu_1 = (\mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4 + \mu_5)/4$$

or $4\mu_1 = \mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4 + \mu_5$

yes,
$$\Sigma cc = 0$$
;
yes, $\Sigma cc = 0$

$$MS_{\hat{\psi}_1} = \frac{(-14)^2}{2/9} = 882$$

$$F = \frac{MS_{\hat{\psi}_1}}{MS_e} = \frac{882}{100} = 8.82$$

$$.95^{F}_{1,40} = 4.08$$

$$.95^{F} = 4.08 < 8.82$$

yes, H₀ rejected

probably not

Only selected contrasts of ipterest could be legitimately evaluated.

Yes

Yes

Yes

No, critical F is $(J-1)_{1-\alpha}^{F}J-1$, f for Scheffe, but $1-\alpha^{F}1$, f for POC.



- 16. For the same H using Scheffe method the critical F-value is $(J-1)^{\circ}(.95^{\circ}J-1,f_{e})$ or $()(.95^{\circ}J-1,f_{e})$ or $()(.95^{\circ}J-1,f_{e})$ = ()() = 10.44.
- 17. How does this critical value compare with that for orthogonal comparisons, assuming the contrast had been planned?
- 18. Does the S-method require orthogonality?
- 19. Does it give a contrast-based type I error rate?
- 20. For the POC would the critical F-value (4.08) be the same for all four (J-1) possible comparisons?
- 21. Would the critical value for F with the S-method also be constant for all of the possible contrasts.
- 22. What is the probability that one or more of the comparisons will yield an $F > (J-1)(.95^F J-1, f_e)$ when $0.95^F J-1, f_e$
- 23. Had the experimenters selected the Tukey method, this distribution theory is no longer based on the F-model but on the
- 24. Unlike the t which uses $t = \bar{X}_1 \bar{X}_2/s_{\bar{X}_1} \bar{X}_2$ (or $\bar{X}_1 \bar{X}_2/s_{\bar{X}}\sqrt{2}$, when $n_1 = n_2$) as the critical comparison. Tukey and Newman-Keuls use $q \bar{X}_1 \bar{X}_2/s_{\bar{X}}$ as the critical ratio on which the distribution theory is based. We should expect, then, that when J = 2, since

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{s_{\bar{x}} + 2}$$
, and $q = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{s_{\bar{x}}}$, that $t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x_2}}$

- 25. You recall that when J = 2, $F = t^2$, or $t = \sqrt{}$
- 26. For the Tukey method the critical value ($\alpha = .05$) for each comparison would be $.95^{q}J,f_{e}$ or $.95^{q}.40$

$$4(.95F_{4,40}) = 4(2.61)$$

It is much larger, 10.44 vs. 4.08.

No, any conceivable contrast is allowable.

No, an experiment-wise rate

Yes

Yes

.05

studentized range.

$$t = \frac{q}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } q = \sqrt{2}t$$



27. Since $q_r = \frac{\bar{x}_r - \bar{x}_1}{s_{\bar{x}}}$, a value of $s_{\bar{x}}$ is required that is

independent of treatment effects. Recall the symbol "MS" is another symbol for s^2 and that s_2 and s^2 are related as shown in the equation from elementary statistics:

$$s_{\overline{X}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$
 or $\sqrt{}$

- 28. The n in the above equation is the number of subjects in each group or level, in this case ______
- Tukey multiple comparisons, the equation can be rearranged so that the minimum significant differences (designated "honest significant differences -- HSD") between a pair of means, HSD = .95qJ,fe sx = () () = 13.45
 - 31. Therefore, in using the Tukey method, every difference between pairs of means greater than 13.45 would be judged significant, and H_o rejected at the ____level.

The treatment means and the matrix of pairwise differences between treatment means are given below:

$$\bar{\chi}$$
: $\frac{1}{47}$ $\frac{2}{48}$ $\frac{3}{51}$ $\frac{4}{54}$ $\frac{5}{65}$

Mean differences

- 32. For which differences would H_o be rejected at .05 using the Tukey (HSD) method?
- 33. Did the S-method reject $H_0: \mu_5 = \mu_3$?

$$\sqrt{\frac{100}{9}} = \sqrt{11.1} \text{ or } 3.33$$

Reject
$$\mu_1^{=\mu_5}$$
, $\mu_2^{=\mu_5}$, $\mu_3^{=\mu_5}$

34 .	The latter computation illustrates the typical relation-
	ship between the power of the T and S methods. In
	comparing pairs of means the method is more
	efficient and powerful. On the other hand, the S-
	method is more sensitive in evaluating complex hypo-
	theses, e.g., $H_0: (\mu_1 + \mu_2)/2 = (\mu_3 + \mu_4 + \mu_5)/3$

Tukey

35. The Newman-Keuls (N-K) method, unlike the T and S methods, but like the orthogonal contrasts, bases its type I error rate on the individual comparison rather than on the

experiment

36. The N-K always has J - 1 different critical values for q, or equivalently _____ minimum critical mean differences. Critical q-values are given in tables of the studentized range statistic.

J. - 1

37. $q_5(5,40)$ where the means are 5 steps apart = _____

4.04

 $q_4(4,40)$ where the means are 4 steps apart = ______ $q_3(3.40)$ where the means are 3 steps apart = ______

3.793.44

 $q_2(2,40)$ where the means are 2 steps apart =

2.86

38. The minimum differences for r = 5, the extreme-most means, then is identical with that for the _____ method. This is always the case.

Tukey

39. Therefore, for r = 5, minimum mean difference = 13.45. r = 4, minimum mean difference = (3.79)() = 12.62 r = 3, minimum mean difference = (3.44)(3.33) = 11.46 r = 2, minimum mean difference = (2.86)(3.33) = 9.52

3.33

40. Which H was rejected for N-K that was not with the T-method? $H_{\rm O}$:

 $H_0: \mu_0 = \mu_1$

41. Complete the summary figure (any two means not underlined by the same line differ significantly at the .05 level).

Treatments

S-method

 $1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5$ T-method

T: 1 2 3 4 5

 $\underline{1}$ $\underline{2}$ $\underline{3}$ $\underline{4}$ $\underline{5}$ N-K method

N-K: 1 2 3 4 5

- 42. The Dunnett uses the ____as the base for α -error.
- 43. One group (usually the ____) is compared with each and every other group (or level).
- 44. In essence the t-ratio is computed, i.e.,

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_E - \bar{x}_C}{\sqrt{\frac{2MS_e}{n}}} = \frac{\bar{x}_E - \bar{x}_C}{\sqrt{\frac{2(1)}{n}}} = \frac{\bar{x}_E - \bar{x}_C}{4.71}$$

- 45. Since both the critical Dunnett t and $s_{\overline{X}} = \overline{\chi}_{C}$ are the constant for all comparisons, determining the minimum mean differences will expedite computation, i.e., $\min(\overline{\chi}_{E} \overline{\chi}_{C}) = .975^{t}J, f_{e}\overline{\chi}_{E} \overline{\chi}_{C} = .975^{t}(5,40)s_{E} \overline{\chi}_{C} = ()(4.71) = 12.58$
- 46. How does this compare with the critical mean differences?

 a. for the Tukey method?

 b. for N-K?

Confidence Intervals (We shall use $\alpha = .05$)

$$\frac{\text{Planned Contrasts}}{\hat{\psi} \pm .95} \frac{c^2}{1.f_e} = \frac{c^2}{n} \text{ where } \hat{\psi} = \Sigma c \hat{x}$$

The nature of the confidence is more apparent when we limit the C.I. to the difference between a pair of means, hence:

$$\hat{\psi} = (1)(\bar{X}_1) + (-1)(\bar{X}_2) \text{ or } \bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$$

Therefore, for planned orthogonal Comparisons between pairs of means, the .95 C.I. is given by

$$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 \pm \sqrt{(.95^{F_1}, f_e)^{MS_e} \frac{c^2}{n}}$$

experiment

control

$$\frac{2MS_{e}}{n} = \sqrt{\frac{2(100)}{9}} = \sqrt{22.22} = 4.71$$

(An essential difference in the Dunnett and methods "t" is that the critical t-value for the Dunnett considers the fact that there are J groups and J comparisons, not just two.

2.67

smaller
larger than two, smaller
than two

Scheffe:

$$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 \pm \sqrt{(J-1)(.95^{F_{J-1}}, f_e)} MS_e \Sigma_{n}^{c^2}$$

Dunn:

$$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 \pm (.975^{t_c}, f_e) \sqrt{2MS_e/n}$$

Tukey:

$$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 \pm (.95^q J_{,f_e}) / M \bar{s}_e / n$$

47. Notice that the confidence interval for the S-method will be larger than that for the orthogonal contrasts to the extent that their respective critical F-value differs:

$$\sqrt{(4)}.95^{F_4}.40 = \sqrt{(4)(2.61)} =$$

$$\sqrt{10.44}$$
 = 3.23 is greater than $\sqrt{(.95^{\circ}_{1,f_e})}$ or

 $\sqrt{4.08} = 2.02$

48. In the present example 3.23 vs. 2.02 indicates the confidence interval using the S-method is

$$[\frac{3.23}{2.02}]$$
 = 1.6 times greater than the C.I. for a

4(.95^F4,40),

Planned Orthogonal Contrast (POC)

The precision of the estimates can be seen from the relative value for the .95 C.I. for the various multiple comparison approaches in estimating $|\mu_3-\mu_5|$, (c = number of hypotheses to be tested.)

Orthogonal ($c \le 4$)	18.06	Dunn $(c = 10)$	26.56
Tukey	25.54	Dunn $(c = 5)$	24.22
Scheffe	28.86	Dunnett $(c = 4)$	23.06



Instructional Exercises

1.	If an experiment error rate for the probability of a type I error, α , is desired and hypotheses involve all and only pairs of means, one should select:
	Tukey
2.	Which of the methods can test all pairs of means and has a <u>contrast</u> error rate?
	Newman-Keuls .
3.	If one were only interested in comparing each \tilde{X}_1 , \tilde{X}_3 , \tilde{X}_4 , and \tilde{X}_5 with \tilde{X}_C , he would probably select
	Dunnett
4.	Which method is most general and places fewest restrictions on the hypotheses that can be tested?
•	Scheffe
3.	In which method will the actual probability of a type I error, α , usually be much larger than the tabled and reported α ?
	Duncan
6.	When there are three or more comparison groups, when will Scheffe necessarily differ from planned orthogonal contrast?
	a. in computing $\hat{\psi}$ b. in calculating $MS_{\hat{\psi}}$
	c. in computing Fd. in the appropriate critical F-valuee. in the coefficients employed for a given contrast
	d
7.	When comparing the extreme-most means:
	a. Tukey will be less powerful than Newman-Keuls b. Newman-Keuls will be less powerful than Tukey c. Both will be equal in power
	C
8.	In the above situation, will both Tukey and Newman-Keuls be more powerful than Scheffe?
-	yes
,	



9.	Will both Tukey and Newman-Keuls be more powerful than Dunn if all pairwise contrasts are to be made?				
	yes				
10.	When $J=3$, and $\mu_3>\mu_2$, the probability of a type II error would be greatest if one employed:				
*,	a. Dunnett's technique b. Newman-Keuls technique c. Scheffe's technique d. Tukey's technique				



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